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GOVERNOR SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD VACANCY

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter is accepting applications to fill a vacancy on the six-member Idaho Parks and Recreation Board representing southeastern Idaho's District 5.

Jean McDevitt of Pocatello announced her retirement from the Board earlier this year. She started serving as a Democrat member of the Board in 1997 representing Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida and Power counties.

"I want to thank Jean for her 18 years of dedicated service, and her devotion to parks and recreation," Governor Otter said. "Parks and Recreation is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and I urge all Idahoans to visit our parks this year and enjoy and appreciate these gems of our state."

The Idaho Parks and Recreation Board provides citizen oversight for the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR). Board members are appointed by the Governor to six-year terms. No more than three members can be from a single political party. Each member represents one of six districts in the state. The Board appoints and supervises the IDPR's director.

IDPR manages 30 State parks throughout every region of Idaho and the registration programs for boats, snowmobiles and other off-highway vehicles (OHV). Money from these registration programs goes back to users to develop and maintain trails, facilities and programs. IDPR also provides free education courses for boaters and OHV operators.

Applicants for the Board vacancy must be a non-Republican and reside in District 5.

Anyone interested may contact Ann Beebe in the Governor's office at 208-334-2100 or by email at ann.beebe@gov.idaho.gov. Applications via email must be received by the Governor's office by June 5, or postmarked by June 5 if sent by regular mail.